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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 09/729,262
Applicant: Yasushi Murakawa
Filed: December 1, 2000
Title: METHOD OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK COMMUNICATION
IN SECURITY GATEWAY APPARATUS AND SECURITY GATEWAY
APPARATUS USING THE SAME
TC/A.U.: 2134
Examiner: Ellen C. Tran
Confirmation No.: 6649
Docket No.: MAT-8067US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page _____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s). [Note: Amendments to the drawings must be explained in the remarks.]
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.